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HESTER BENFIELD. CHAPTER III .- CONCLUDED.

Old Miss Morris is dead, and Frank Bendoing battle with the Sikhs in India. And but lightly regretted him had he been ment, a bow has Hester borne this parting from numbered with the fallen. He was inter- before. her son! Alas! alas! she is much changed. Long had Frank mourned over a blight which seemed to have fallen on his mother's lore for him, for the cause of which he and sumed his pen, he added to his letter that the true old friend, now no more, had he had had, on the previous day, the good pentent at the next; captious, or painfully have equally rendered to any fellow creature in the same danger, the kind old curse, boy, my bitter curse, shall fall on you; in Doctor Thornton's wife the Hester of general had appointed him to his staff, so beware.' other days. Her husband did not, perhaps, remark these variations so much as others. for time seemed to have rather increased than lessened her devotion to him; but he even was grieved occasionally by her doubts, bitterly expressed, of his affection; and when, in his own gentle true hearted way, he would kindly soothe her, and direct her thoughts to the fountain which calms the most turbulent feelings of frail

To poor Frank, on his return from school been able to afford him. for the holidays, the change was sad; he

for the accusations, his stepfather would mildly interfere, and point out to Hester his aide de camp Major Benfield. her injustice; then, perhaps, remorseful and ashamed of her conduct, she would entreat Major Benfield?" said Alice Allenby. her son's forgiveness; but this, he had observed, was during the earlier phase of the Alice?" returned Lady Helen. change. Gradually her demeanor towards arose, between the mother and son especial of all we owe him." ly, which caused him to be happiest when

provement of those about him. It was the as her daughter had been; but in this resefforts; and during the time thus passed in ed. She was compelled to admit to herself, he experienced feelings of contentment to that she had never met with a brighter,

when offered to him, he could not refuse, as termined to accord outwardly but a scant it gave him an opportunity of seeing active measure of gratitude. service—had been obliged to leave Lady But, Lady Helen, you may work as you proceed eastward. Lady Helen, still proud, side of the room, on the smallest protext, depart with deep anxiety and sincere regret; just before the last dance—yet they will but there was something of the Spartan in her character, which perhaps made his sol- efforts to prevent it. They know it not dier-heart love her all the more; for with the field of honor spread before him, had power been given her to solve the future, even though the path upon which he was about to enter should lead to death, hers would not have been the lips to bid him stay. Not so the gentle loving Alice of fifteen summers. How tearfully did she nestle in his breast, and pray that God would preserve her noble father from every danger! He had called her his little dove, and as such, when far away, he thought upon her-his dear and only child.

And Alice would sit at home, and longingly think if she could but obtain one of those mystic fairy glasses, which enable their happy possessors to peer through space, how she would watch his footsteps! Ah. Alice, well is it for us all that many things are hidden from our view. Could your sensitive nature have borne to follow him in that long and dreary march beneath that burning Indian sun-to look upon him still the bones of our murdered men-had that dark sinewy arm uplifted to hew him cannot bear to think of it. amidst that fearful scene, the father you Frank Benfield's appearance to indicate either; he died long years before you marloved so dearly? And yet a moment's long- this; a finer looking, more gentlemanly fel- ried papa." er gaze would have shown him to you, low I have never seen. And think of our though faint and bleeding, rescued by a little Alice; she loves him. Poor child, it such a quarter, and she gasped for breath and Maldon was not a very common name. avaricious farmer, that if he had the whole gallant youth, who, at imminent peril to is her first love, and for a question of mere in her vain efforts to articulate.

"Hy dearest Helen," wrote General Allear, said Lady Helen, coldly —"first love lenby on the merning after the action, "I is all a dream—a mere fancy."

I come him that he had been absent attending leaving. What could be mean by calling himself an outcast, and uncared for? Oh, "My mother, Lady Helen, desired me to in the newspapers any account of our last disastrous affair. Yes, my beloved wife and child, but for the care of an all-merci-

ful Providence, I might now be lying side have proved it." by side with those poor fellows who enter-ed with me yesterday into that treach erous pass, to return no more. I owe my life to a young officer of the name of Ben-Money may be remitted through postmasters at our risk.

Advertisements inserted at the usual rates, and and on the point of being cut down, struck my assailant to the ground, and supporting me on one arm—for I am slightly woundfor having risked his own young life to save mine—you, my beloved wife, and you, my Alice. I shall write again soon; at

Frank Benfield also wrote to his mother to tell her of his safety, and as he did so, a may depend upon your answer." rupted in his occupation by a message from General Allenby, requesting his attendance at his tent. When, on his return, he resought in vain. Severe in look, and cold fortune of saving the general's life, and there was a passion and almost madness in in manner; suspicious at one moment, re- that, overrating this service, which he would the glance with which she regarded him.) and recommended him for promotion.

written to him. She called him her gal you."
lant brave boy, and told him how intense "A lant brave boy, and told him how intense had been her anxiety on his account, on Bear your share, boy. He had no mercy." his letter dispelled her fears. She added hand peremptorily, she said, "Go." that she was under the greatest obligations agitation was alarming to witness, and he to General Allenby's wife-although she de- would have remained to soothe her, but humanity, she would weep upon his breast, sired he would not mention this—and it again she comma and tell him that his love was her chief had given her the greatest satisfaction to sadly he obeyed. sired he would not mention this - and it again she commanded him to be gone, and hear of the assistance which Frank had

Bells were ringing and cannon firing to who had been for so long his mother's dar- announce successes in the East, while mournling, to find himself now supplanted in her affections, as he believed, by his little sister, taken from them in the struggle for these for whom his mother's passionate attachment amounted almost to idolatry.

Nothing the boy could do appeared to please her; accused harshly of duplicity, of roes, both real and unreal, were flocking to see you; there is something I want to untruthfulness, where no grounds existed home; amongst the former were daily ex-

"Don't you long rather to see your father,

"Oh, of course, my own precious father him and all, save the favored two, her bus- is before every one else in the world. I band and her daughter, became colder and thought you would have understood that, more impenetrable. Water could be struck no longer from the rock, and a barrier to know, it is Major Benfield—only think I have sometimes mounted over this blind

This, Lady Helen admitted, was very freed from the chilling influence of her presence.

The land that she was sometimes lately I have been almost terrified at her outbursts. One night since we Ten long years had Hester kept her at the same time, that instead of being a came here, when she thought I slept—but read secret, hidden in the deepest recesses young unmarried officer, her husband had I don't sleep much, dear Frank—I felt our dread secret, hidden in the deepest recesses young unmarried officer, her husband had all that had before been sweetest to her in Benedic; or to a soldier in the ranks, whose ed me gently, and then murmured; "For life to gall. George Asleigh had kept his reward would have been very different to you, my precious, my darling, I must go on word, and since last they had met and that which the general had given to Frank enduring;" and shortly afterwards parted she had neither seen nor heard of Benfield. She was disconcerted by Alice's him. Little did she dream that the Lord enthusiasm on the subject of their gratitude tinetly who-George, coupled with some Redland, whose acts of benevolence the pa- to him. It fretted her, and alarmed her pers so often related, and of whom the pride to think that, perhaps, in Alice's deworld spoke so highly, was the one man votion to her father, she might look with who had caused this embittering of her exwhom she owed so much; her hope was He, in the mean time, had withdrawn to that he might not prove to be a person the country, and devoted himself to the im- likely to captivate one so fastidiously reared first pursuit which in any way rewarded his pect Lady Helen was grievously disappointameliorating the condition of his tenantry, when at length they became acquainted, which he long had been a stranger.

Colonel Allenby—now a general holding the man to whom, in her fear of giving a high military appointment in India, which, him too great encouragement, she had de-

Helen, and his sweet daughter Alice, to will. You may call Major Benfield to this perhaps more so than ever, and in her ma- when he is speaking to Alice on the other tured beauty almost magnificent, saw him -you may carry her off from the ball-room still fall in love, notwithstanding all your themselves.

> It was only accidentally that they discovered it at all. When Alice's little Arab, which was supposed to have finished his education at the training school, became restive one day and threw her, then it all burst forth, and the dreadful part of it was, cruel fate, or cut off b, death. The mother that Sir William Allenby saw nothing in it that was objectionable.

"Heavens, Sir William, how you try me!" guments against such an engagement, by also gone. Of Alice he dared think no asking him, if his life had been saved by a more, and Mary, his dearly loved sister thought it necessary to unite his only Long did he hold her in his arms, her pale brace her last sigh was breathed. tude; to which her husband smilingly re- come, Mary dearest, the day after to-morplied, by quoting the marriage of David, the shepherd-boy, with the king's daughter, ly, after he had snatched a last kiss, "would in acknowledgment of a far lighter debt.

"You know I am grateful, Allenby. God knows how thankful I was for your deliver- hearts, might still be spared to spread sunin that bloody pass, where lie bleaching ance," she said, her eyes filling with tears; "but the blood of the Maldons has never

band searchingly.

She colored deeply, over face and neck, and then replied firmly, "Yes, because I

Frank Benfield had a conversation with Lady Helen, which more than ever hardened her against him, and made him leave utter is a dagger in my heart. Do not you on the subject, but now he has an object in view, which, in spite of her coldness, nerves most ere she knew, it had passed her lips. wayside inn a young girl?" ed—fought his way with the other from the scene of bloodshed. I am now awaiting by the sea-side, whither she had gone for my deliverer, and I shall tell him there are him to press for the truth. She was living the benefit of the health of his sister Mary, two who will thank him better than I can whose declining state her mother alone was unable to perceive.
"Mother," cried Frank, "I beseech you

present I am not equal to greater exertion; yourself were previously to your marriage my wound is but triffing, so have no anxiewith Dr. Thornton? If you retain the going to say to you now, instead of waiting, "My mother did not find him, Lady do what I ask; the happiness of my life

but lightly regretted him had he been ment, and then grew as calm and stony as

"Oh, mother, answer me!"

"I will, Frank-listen. From my lips you shall never learn what you seek to

"Mother," he urged hoarsely, "you do His mother's reply to this letter was not know to what misery you, are commore affectionate than any she had ever demning your son. Be merciful, I implore

the arrival of the news of the action, until she concluded wildly, and then, waving her

In the garden he met his sister, and for a while his thoughts were diverted from his own griefs by the shock he received at seeing the ravages which a few weeks had

made on the young creature before him.
"Oh! Frank, my dear brother, how glad which to them were as the funeral knell of you come down to stay with us for some gentle fiction, to keep from her knowledge,

"No, dear Mary, I can only stay for an hour; I must return to town by the next train: but tell me, dear child, about yourself, how you feel? Do you get stronger

"That is just it, Frank—just what I want to speak to you about. Come, let us sit down quietly, and then I shall be better able to tell you. You know, my dear bronamed same one-I could not catch disother name, and called him, almost fiercely, the ruiner of her peace. I have been longing to tell you all this, and also something else. Dear Frank," and her voice slightly shook, "do you not see that I am dying? I feel, too surely, that I am soon to leave this earth; and it pains me that my darling mother should no perceive how nearly my end is approaching. The blow will fall so much heavier if she is unprepared to receive it. My dear father, I see, expects it; but even he does not know how quickly the last sands are running out. Do you not think I should tell her? I wish, dear brother, you could be at hand, to support me by your presence, to soothe and calm her into resignation. You must console her, you know, when I am gone; and, Frank, when I am taken away, the scales will fall from her eyes, and she will do you the justice which it has often grieved me, oh! so deeply, to see withheld. You will come again soon--some very early day; for, remember, I have little time to abide here, and then I shall tell her. You will come, will you not, dearest Frank?"

It was almost a relief to Frank Benfield's pent up feelings to hold his young sister to his heart and weep. It seemed to him, as he did so, that every being whom he loved was either to be severed from him by a of his earlier days, how changed was she! What could be that mysterious something which had arisen between them? The old cheek resting on his shoulder. "I shall row. Oh, my sister!" he cried passionate-

mother, it grieved me to hear him say such things; I trust you were not speaking se-

verely to him to day, he is so good." "Mary, my own angel, spare your wretched mother," cried Hester, throwing herself

most ere she knew it had passed her lips.
"My own darling mother, what have you "I do, I do—I remember all now. I as am gone-mother! mother! !"

Hester's eyes grew distended, and the hand which clasped her child's pale fingers floor in strong convulsions.

CHAPTER IV.

Frank Benfield stood beside a couch, on which lay extended the figure of his sister, on the evening succeeding the day last mentioned. He had been suddenly recalled in consequence of the dangerous illness of his mother, whose cries, in the height of delirium, from an adjoining room, pierced ful; and your father, is he since dead?" his heart, though they failed to bring any expression into the face of the marble form on which he gazed; for Mary was past all earthly emotion-she was dead.

Days passed, and still Hester raved on, watched and cared for by the husband she which they hoped might be for the better -first a glimmering of reason, then a gradual recognition of those about ber; but the ing her eyes motioned him to be silent. mental shock, joined to great bodily prostration, on learning that her daughter was I am to see you!" she exclaimed. "Have dead, which they had tried in vain, by every was too great for the little strength remaining; and though her mind continued clear, it became evident to them that her days

It was during one of these latter days, that, calling Doctor Thornton and her son to you can direct me to him," cried her listenher side, she with much pain and difficulty revealed to them likewise the secret which had burned in her heart so long, and rehad burned in her heart so long, and re-counted to Frank all the incidents with again, and then Frank saw the white lids which the reader is already acquainted.

"I do not know, my son, whether your

and she placed in his hand the card which en, with kindly pressure, grasped his hand, more than daily, entries of death. Do not turn away, or seek to deceive me. Lady Helen Maldon had given her so many and left him-how much bewildered, may magistrate said he had heard of the horrors

traced the following words: and forgive you, is the earnest prayer of

"HESTER." cried Lady Helen, ending her string of arfriend who had taken that parent's place on her bosom. Dearest husband, I may not Lord Redland did not long survive Hes of considerate treatment, and consequently stay-kiss me, and let me depart. Frank, ter; he lived to see two of his grandchil- of comparative comfort; but these are un my dear dutiful son, forgive me; let me dren born, and then, amidst the tears and happily rare. On arriving at Havana, after common soldier, whether he would have about to sink permaturely to the grave. clasp you once more," and in that close em-

his father. The only clue he possessed was bence. He left her puzzled and amazed at his so slight, that how to follow it had been a Sir William and Lady Allenby are quite Helen's-that it was at any rate a strange It was a thrust Hester little expected from | coincidence, if it should lead to nothing-

give you this, and to tell you"-Lady Helen was looking with a puzzled air at the you that the dying blessing of the woman to whom you yourself gave that card, and whom you once succored, was yours. I see London to seek his mother, resolved to reproach me. Let all the world accuse me, to which she alluded. When you were you have no recollection of the occurrence learn something from her of his parentage. but not you;" and then, with her face hid- Lady Helen Maldon, do you remember, on She had hitherto evaded all his questions den in the folds of her daughter's dress, the a journey from London, about five-and-twen-

not suffered! Oh, mamma, I must tell you sisted her with a triffing sum, which she now; I cannot delay, for I feel-I feel that unwillingly accepted as a loan, and to satit is coming closer even than I thought. isfy her I gave her this card with my ad-Look at my hand; is it not thin and pale? dress. I see, I see; she paid back the Look at my face; is it not wan? Can you money a few months afterwards, when she to tell me who my father was—who you believe health will ever again visit it? I found her husband. It was he she was go-

slightest affection for me I entreat you to and begged him to come and be beside you Helen. You were not the only good Sawhen I broke it. I am not growing better; maritan Providence cast in her lonely way daily, hourly, my strength decreases. Do An elderly lady, whom she met in the mail, field, now in the army, has left England sigh escaped him at the thought, which with his regiment to join the brave men would intrude itself, that she would have Her face worked convuisively for a mo--that I shall soon fall into that blessed proving fruitless, after seven years she besleep which knows no waking? When I came the wife of Doctor Thornton, believing her first husband to be dead. Thirteen years ago they found themselves face to face, and-do not think harshly of herknow—never; and none but mine can re-veal it—none. Nay, listen turther," (and as, with a shriek, she fell backwards on the Concealing my birth from him, she entered Concealing my birth from him, she entered with him into a solemn compact to preserve secresy on the subject of their marriage. It was a voluntary proposal on his part, to repair in a degree the wrong he had done her; for, Lady Helen, entangled in an attachment formed previously to meeting my mother, he had intentionally deserted her.

> "That I do not know. Benfield was my mother's name-this is his, the only clue I have to him"-and drawing the copy of Milton from his pocket, he opened and presented it to Lady Helen.

"A sad story, Major Benfield. Poor girl,

I remember her well-she was very beauti-

He was about to proceed with what he had loved so dearly, and the son she had had to say, when, looking up, he was shock so wronged. At length a change came, ed her hand out feebly for a bottile of essence that stood on a table near, and clos-

> cheek, and she was able to command her self sufficiently, she sat up, and in a low clear voice addressed him thus: "If your statement is true, you are the son of my first cousin, Lord Redland, and

When presently color returned to her

your proper appellation is Viscount Mal-'Oh! madam, my father is then alive-

"Yes, he is living down in --- shire, on

the grave to find he has preceded me there; George-Frank," she said hastily, as if to affection for one so little worthy of such de and if so, then the reparation I ardently speak before the old pride gained the masvotion. Frank, I have thought it sinful. wish to make you will be all too late. Give tery over her gentler feelings, "when you me my desk. See," she said, taking a small have seen and told him all, add that his volume of Milton from it, "this is the only cousin, once Helen Maldon, forgives him, thing I have to give you to aid your search and prays for his forgiveness in return. of her heart—this secret which had turned owed his deliverance to some steady old mother leaning over me; presently she kiss--the writing on the fly-leaf is his. He Young man, I was the woman whom your ried, in the town in which for a few weeks his and your poor mother's unhappiness. he resided with me;" and Frank read on Stay-I will tell you. In an angry haugh the page to which she pointed, "George ty moment, when he had told me of his thirty-two of the emigrants, all of whom Maldon Asleigh," 10th Dec., 18—." "It was thirteen years, in September last, ing to what his pride-great as my ownsince I saw or heard of him. This also, would lead him; but it is all plain to my Frank, I wish to give you; take it to Lady vision now. Go, and God speed you"—and hundred invalids at one time, and 'many Helen Allenby, and tell her the dying bless unable to control longer the emotions which more had died after they had landed in this rush of memory caused her, Lady Hel- Cuba.' His log-book contained daily, and

> said, striving to raise herself in bed; "if he others-Alice might yet be his; and this of anything like this." The counsel said, is found, they would satisfy him, if he at all doubted. Husband, dearest, help me;" reflection was uppermost in his mind, while the travelled, as quickly as steam could take from China to work on plantations, and

> *George Aslergh: I am on my death- tween the father and son. All substantia- time it was put an end to." bed-a few hours, and the hand which ted and proved to their mutual happiness, writes these lines will be motionless for they returned together to London, and a sure of a system which was only casually evermore. If you still live, they will be joyful meeting and reconciliation took place brought to light in this instance by the given to you by our son. Do not start; at Sir William Allenby's. The world had, magistrate's inspection of the log-book in a what I say is true, although, when last we of course, plenty to say when Lord Red. suit of wages. met, fearful that a desire to right him might band introduced his son, and no little scan- "I have myself, when in Havana, heard weigh more with you than the wish you dal fell upon poor Hester. But she was accounts and witnessed scenes connected expressed to repair the injury done to me, beyond the range of calumny then; and as with this traffic which are perfectly appal was tempted to conceal his existence. En. for the old Doctor, he was not of the world, ling. In some instances the proportion of closed is the certificate of his birth. The nor did he live in it so the tongue of ma dead to living at the conclusion of the voylast request of his mother is that you will lice did not reach him. It was curious to age has been as high as two hundred of the do him the justice which she has so wick. mark how this gay world, whose tongue one for every three hundred of the other. edly withheld. That God may pardon me, wagged so busily, struggled and fought for In March, 1853, the British ship Gertrude the favor of the young Viscount, and the arrived at Havana with a cargo of 198 Chivexation which the announcement of his namen, and in a note appended to the re-Her peace was made with all, and in the engagement to Alice, and subsequent mar- turn we read, "of the Gertrude's 152 died." sombre twilight, with the gentle loving riage, caused to all its votaries. It failed, "Such are the horrors of this second slave heart of old restored to her, Hester was however, to disturb the happiness of any of trade during the passage. When he arpassing away. "Hark! did you not hear a the parties concerned; and at length the rives at his destination in the majority of voice calling me? It is my Mary's. I see great world found some fresher subject to justances, the coolie finds that his misery

he had many years been preparing.

you seen him unhorsed, surrounded, and yet mingled with that of a plebeian, and I last words. "Mamma," she suddenly in matter of anxious thought. He had deter- of one mind now on the subject of their quired that evening, "why have you never mined to consult his kind friend the gener- son-in-law, and if there is a fault which down, would not your heart have sickened, "How do you know he is a plebeian, as told me anything about Frank's father? I al; and as he drove to the house the thought grandmamma, in her lectures to Alice's lite as his master's interest in him terminates ing the result of an experiment which he and your vision failed to distinguish longer, you call it? I am sure there is nothing in never heard you speak to Frank about him struck him that Maldon, which was one of the daughters, particularly condemns, it is after eight years. In proportion as the term made by planting Sun-Flowers near his

The Coolie Trade.

A late arrival from Cuba brings information that of 1,322 coolies, comprising four cargoes, designed for that island, four hundred and fifty, or more than one third of the whole number, "spoiled" on the passage; and that the total number arrived on the island since April, 1855, is 10,534; died on the voyage 1,789. Of all the nefarious trades in which man ever engaged (says the New York Journal of Commerce) the coolie trade is among the most horribly re-

In extenuation of the guilt incurred it is alleged that the parties concerned have a contract with the coolies; but in effect the deluded victim is a slave, and not the faint est dawn of hope illumines his dark horizon. Numerous important and incontrovertible facts have been brought to the attention of our Government by means of the "message from the President of the United States communicating information in regard to the slave and coolie trade." presented to the House of Representatives one

year ago. Mr. Parker, U. S. Minister to China, wrote to Mr. Marcy on the 12th of February, 1856, that the following shipments of olies had been made during the year 1855 from Swatow, an illegal port even for

Ships. American	Tonnage, 6,592 3,821 500 1,860	Coolies, 3,050 1,938 250 1,150
Total12 Mr. Parker also state	12,773 ed. from o	6,388

formation, that the number of males imported as coolies from Calcutta and Madras, from 1845 to 1852, into British Gui ana and Trinidad, was 1,700; and he suggested "the necessity of specific instructions emanating from the Navy Department to our men of war on the China station, authorizing them to resort to illegal ports, science to hang a murderer when his crime and to examine such vessels as do, and ascertain that they do not, offend against law. in addition to the moral culture admitted and to make them accountable if they do."

January, 1856, Mr. C. D. Mugford, at Hong Kong, notified Mr. Parker that he tainty of punishment a terror to evil doers. was agent for one of the most respectable firms in the United States who had made a contract with the Brazilian Government for sending to Rio de Janeiro some 2,000 Parker addresed a public notification, calling on citizens of the United States to de-

The evidence constantly accumulating to on this subject from which we extract the quiver, and tears struggle from beneath the following:

to Havana.

"It will be remembered that on the occasion referred to the master of the vessel made the confession that one hundred and had been taken on board, he said, in good health, had died between Hong Kong and Havana. He had had as many as two of the middle passage when the odious slave But one great joy stood out from all trade was in existence, but he never heard and while Doctor Thornton supported her in his arms, with a trembling hand she Redland still led his hermit life.

this is the result. The English flag is disgraced by such a traffic. The captain con-It is needless to describe what passed be- fessed 'It is a dreadful traffic, and quite

"Yet this was but an accidental disclo-

we may hope, in that better land for which vive, is transferred to the highest bidder, Not many weeks after the events we he had many years been preparing. who places him upon his plantation side by side with his slaves. His term of service is have narrated, Frank Benfield presented as Frank and Alice, and it is one of their eight years; his labor as hard as his master himself at General Allenby's to give his greatest pleasures to visit and cheer the thinks he can sustain. He receives a small that I, uncared for and an outcast, were to mother's message to Lady Helen, and en- good old Doctor, who, having long given payment monthly, which makes his condibe taken, and that you, the light of many treat her to put off his dismissal until he up practice, resides near the spot where his tion by a few dollars preferable to that of had had time to make inquiry respecting dear ones lie buried, waiting to be called the slave. He is exposed to the same toil, watched by the same overseer, with whip in hand and sword at the side, as the slave,

"On the other hand, his position is worse of service approaches its expiration the mo- residence for the purpose of preventing fretive for retaining the coolie in life decreases.

The slave's life is usually worked out, as the locality was subject, particularly during Cuban planters have themselves confessed the summer. His first experiment was enhimself, bears him onward to a place of pride would you wound her young heart!"

"Poor Frank seemed very unhappy this though her glance softened when she non the content without a patch of ground on the outside to raise potatoes.

Lady Helen received him coldly enough, world enclosed in a single heat, he would not be content without a patch of ground on the outside to raise potatoes.

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end on an average after a very much shorter term of labor. Again, the Chinamag-does not bear the tropical heat with the-ease with which the negro endures it."

Remedies for the Increase of Crime. The increase of crime in the country at large has become a matter of universal notoriety, and the failure to punish criminals has rendered the laws on the subject almost obsolete. Indeed, the only result which in many cases follows a murder is a grave-waste of eight or ten days of time by court, lawyers, juries, and witnesses, and a bill of costs to the Commonwealth,

A religious paper now before us makes an effort to explain the cause of the increase of crime and to suggest remedies. The cause, it alleges, is found in part in the fact that more attention is given to the mere intellectual than to the moral culture of youth: that in times of great civil convulsion, when anarchy and violence prevail, as in the first French revolution, it is the learned, and not the ignorant, who lead the way to destruction. No severity of law, says the writer, no strictness in the enforcement of penalties will secure public justice amongst a corrupt community, or serve as a substitute for an honest heart in the people. You may multiply jails and penitentiaries, yet, in spite of all these, crimes will multiply so long as the heart of the people is left in all its cor-ruption to work as the great fountain of crime. The conclusion to which the writer comes is that Christianity has a power exceeding all others in counteracting human wickedness, and is adequate to all thepresent necessities of nations sinking under the weight of their own corruption and

suggest that the power to work out reformmust not be that sublimated sort of Christianity which claims a wisdom and refinement beyond the precepts of the great founder, and which has too much tenderness of conis made manifest. In short, there must be,

THE SIAMESE GIFT TO THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT .- The Union gives the following description of the presents from the Chinese, and that part of them had been two Kings of Siam: "We were this mornshipped, but the firm were ready to abide ing permitted to inspect, at the Department by the decision of the Governments of the United States or China as regards the legality of the trade. Subsequently, Mr. two Kings who reign over that country. Among these interesting specimens of the ing on citizens of the United States to desist from this irregular and immoral traffic. capecially noticed a solid gold snuff box, (weighing upward of five ounces,) quaintly show the horrible character of this trade calls still more loudly for its speedy suppression. The London Times recently publication (weighing upward of the ounces,) quantity ornamented in colored enamels, a long pipe, with a tiny bowl richly ornamented with pression. lished a deeply interesting communication on this subject from which we extract the those in general use in this country for "The testimony of Sir John Bowring to sword, of exquisite temper, with a scabbard the lamentable condition of the Chinese made from a single piece of lancewood by emigrant cannot but recall to most of our some process of mortising that few Amerireaders' minds the disclosures made a few can workmen could equal; a musical instruweeks ago at the Thames Police Court in ment resembling a flageolet; two 'tam-tams,' London with respect to the condition of or drums, each made from a single piece of the Coolies on board the ship Duke of wood, about two feet in length and ten incli-Portland, on her voyage from Hong Kong es in diameter, with strips of cane instead of cords, and giving a clear distant note when beaten; spears, fishing-tackle," &c.

PASSMORE WILLIAMSON VS. JUDGE KANE .-- The suit for damages brought against Judge John K. Kane by Passmore Williamson for false imprisonment, before the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware county, was some time since argued on demurrer. To the declaration elaiming damages Judge Kane put in five special pleas. setting forth his office, the proceedings which had occurred, and justifying his entire conduct. The plaintiff replied de injuria to these pleas that the defendant had committed the acts of his own will and without cause. The Judge's counsel demurred specially to the replication on three pleas and joined issue in two of them. The rgument on demorrer was herd in December. On Saturday last Judge Haines, of Delaware county, gave notice that he decided against Judge Kane; so that the replication stands, and the case will go to trial on the general issue, and will be tried some time during the present month upon its

CHEMISTRY AND THE DAIRY .- A scientific agriculturist near Brussels, in Europe, has been making a series of experiments, with the most satisfactory results, in restoring rancid butter to its original sweetness and freshness of taste. The operation is perfectly simple and practicable. The butter is beaten in a sufficient quantity of water, into which had been mixed chloride of lime, at the rate of about twenty five or thirty drops to every two pounds of butter. After bringing all the butter into contact with the water it is allowed to stand for aphour; then the solution is poured off, and the butter washed thoroughly in cleanwater, "The small quantity of chloride used is declared to be abundantly sufficient for all purposes.

THE SOUND DUES .- It is announced that the abolition of the Danish Sound dues may be regarded as a fact accomplished. It is understood that the capitalization of them proposed by Denmark has been accepted by the European Governments interested. and that a treaty has been signed with the United States, by the terms of which, in consideration of the payment of an inconsiderable amount of money, (\$393,000,) this annoyance to our commerce is to be forever